

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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December 7, 2011

Walter Johnston, Vice President  
Power Delivery  
Southern California Edison  
1 Innovation Way, Pomona, CA 91768

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby directs Southern California Edison (SCE) to identify, document, and correct any and all violations of General Orders (GOs) 95 and 128 on the O'Malley 12kV, Vargas 12 kV, McManus 12kV, Rams 12kV and Rosa 16kV circuits by June 6, 2012. The O'Malley and Vargas circuits were involved in incidents<sup>1</sup> that resulted in loss of life to members of the general public.

On June 6, 2012, SCE should report to CPSD the violations it identified, corrective actions taken, and how the information it learned from the corrective action process for these circuits will be integrated into SCE's ongoing maintenance and inspection activities system wide. SCE should provide copies of the most recent inspection, patrol, and maintenance records for these circuits. CPSD staff will audit these circuits to ensure that all violations of GOs 95 and 128 have been corrected. Violations discovered by CPSD staff will result in CPSD pursuing penalties, of up to \$50,000 per violation per day. Our goal is for SCE to identify and mitigate risks on these circuits and to improve our understanding of how various violations (or near violation conditions) interact with each other and external conditions in a manner that can result in harm to the public or utility employees.

Nothing in this directive should be construed as altering, reducing or extending the authority of the Commission to impose penalties for existing violations of GO 95 under Public Utilities Code, Section 2107.

Should SCE not be able to meet the June 6, 2012 requirement or have questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact Raymond G. Fugere of my staff at (213)576-7015 or [raymond.fugere@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:raymond.fugere@cpuc.ca.gov).

Thank you for your anticipated prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Raffy Stepanian'.

Raffy Stepanian, Program Manager  
Consumer Protection and Safety Division

<sup>1</sup> The Vargas 12 Circuit was involved in an incident on January 14, 2011, where three persons died and the O'Malley incident was involved in an incident on November 12, 2011, where one person died.